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SUBJ: PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'S WORK REPORT TO THE FIFTH NPC

1. SUMMARY. PEKING RADIO BROADCAST 2000 HOURS, MARCH 6,
THE FULL TEXT OF PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'S LENGTHY WORK REPORT,
ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC) MARCH 5.
HUA'S SPEECH WAS CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN CHOU EN-LAI'S
REPORT TO THE FOURTH NPC IN 1975 AND HE WAS UNUSUALLY CANDID
IN DESCRIBING AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC GOALS. HUA ANNOUNCED
THAT CULTURAL REVOLUTION-STYLE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES AT
THE LOCAL LEVEL WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND THE PRC WOULD RETURN
TO THE SYSTEM PREVALENT IN THE MID-
1950S. WHILE HUA WAS UPBEAT AND CONFIDENTLY FORWARD
LOOKING (AND EVEN MAGNANIMOUS IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT TENG
HSIAO-PING) HE WARNED THAT THE "GANG OF FOUR" CAMPAIGN
CANNOT BE CONCLUDED ("PROGRESS IS UNEVEN") AND INTIMATED
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THAT FURTHER PURGES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WERE NECESSARY.
ABOVE ALL, HUA CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL
SYSTEM TO PROVIDE THE STABILITY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE
AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC GOALS. NO MAJOR NEW DEPARTURES APPEARED
IN HIS GLOBAL REVIEW OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. PEKING RADIO BROADCAST AT 2000 HOURS MARCH 6 THE FULL

TEXT OF PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'S WORK REPORT WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS ON MARCH 5. CHAIRMAN HUA'S REPORT, DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS, WAS UNUSUALLY CANDID IN DESCRIBING AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC GOALS TO BE MET BY 1985. AGRICULTURE MUST ACHIEVE 58 PCT MECHANIZATION BY 1985 WITH A TOTAL OUTPUT OF 400 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN. INDUSTRY MUST PRODUCE 60 MILLION TONS OF STEEL AND ATTAIN AN OVERALL INDUSTRIAL GROWTH RATE OF 10 PERCENT BETWEEN 1978 AND 1985. HUA ALSO CALLED FOR THE COMPLETION OF 120 LARGE SCALE PROJECTS AND "A BIG INCREASE IN FOREIGN TRADE".

3. HUA MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DISPEL THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS CONTINUING LEADERSHIP FRICTION, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN HIMSELF AND VICE CHAIRMAN TENG HSIAO-PING WHEN IN THE EARLY PART OF THE REPORT, HE VINDICATED TENG'S ACTIONS PRIOR TO HIS PURGE IN 1976. THE GANG OF FOUR HAD FALSELY SLANDERED TENG, ACCORDING TO HUA, AND IT WAS CHAIRMAN MAO WHO DECIDED THAT TENG SHOULD ASSIST PREMIER CHOU-EN-LAI IN DRAFTING THE WORK REPORT AT THE FOURTH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS IN JANUARY 1975. HUA ALSO BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR. THE GANG OF FOUR HAD SEVERELY DAMAGED THE ECONOMY WHICH WAS "ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE". HE SAID THAT BETWEEN 1974 AND 1976 THE NATION LOST 100 BILLION YUAN IN TOTAL INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT,, 28 MILLION TONS OF STEEL AND 40 BILLION YUAN IN STATE REVENUES.

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4. THE ECONOMY NOW HAS "TURNED A CORNER," THE PREMIER SAID. AND THE WHOLE NATION HAS ACHIEVED "INITIAL SUCCESS" IN CREATING ORDER ACROSS THE LAND DURING THE PAST YEAR. HE INTERJECTED A NOTE OF POLITICAL CAUTION HOWEVER. ALTHOUGH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR HAS BY AND LARGE BEEN COMPLETED, THE INVESTIGATION HAS STILL NOT BEEN FINISHED. THE CAMPAIGN HAS PROGRESSED UNEVENLY AND THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR WOULD CONTINUE. HUA ADMITTED THAT THE SYSTEM WAS STILL NOT FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY AND THAT MUCH WORK STILL NEEDED TO BE DONE, PARTICULARLY IN CONSOLIDATION OF LEADING GOVERNMENT ORGANS AT THE LOWER LEVELS. IN PART, HIS CALL FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL SEEMS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO RESTORE RATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING BUT ALSO TO INCREASE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL LEADERS. HUA STATED THAT "THE GANG OF FOUR WAS MADE UP OF OLD AND NEW COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CONCEALING THEMSELVES MOST ARTFULLY," INTIMATING THAT PURGES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WILL CONTINUE.

5. HUA ALSO REITERATED THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN EDUCATION

AND CULTURAL POLICY. THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WOULD BE BOLSTERED TO ASSIST THE MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND CULTURAL POLICY WOULD BE FURTHER RELAXED. HOWEVER, HUA WARNED THAT CULTURAL RELAXATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT LITERATURE, PERFORMING ARTS AND FILMS COULD DEVIATE FROM "SERVING THE PROLETARIAT."

6. NO MAJOR NEW DEPARTURES WERE MADE IN HIS GLOBAL REVIEW OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY. COMMENTS ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE REPORT FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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